

## **GEORGIA CONSTITUTION/GOVERNMENT COMPETENCY TEST**

Thoroughly answer the following questions using the text Georgia Government by the League of Women Voters. All answers must be typed.

### **EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

1. Name three executive officers in state government:
2. Name two general powers that are given to the Governor that are similar to those of the U. S. President:
3. Describe the job of the Lt. Governor:
4. What are the minimum qualifications for governor and other elected executive officials?
5. For how many years does a Georgia governor serve, and for how many terms may he/she serve?
6. Name two executive and administrative departments:
7. What does the Public Service Commission do?
8. Is there an examining board for used car dealers?

### **LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

9. What is the official name of Georgia's legislative body?
10. What qualifications are necessary for a person running for Georgia's legislature?
11. How long is Georgia's legislative session each year?

12. Name four legislative standing committees that are similar to those in the U. S. Congress:
13. Name one joint committee:
14. Describe the procedure for amending Georgia's Constitution:
15. In what state senatorial district do you reside?
16. In what state representative district do you reside?
17. In what U. S. Congressional district do you reside (as of August 1992)?

#### **JUDICIAL BRANCH**

18. What is the function of the Georgia Judicial branch?
19. What are the qualifications for becoming a state judge?
20. What are the terms of office for judges?
21. How are vacancies for judicial positions filled?
22. Name three "layers" of courts in Georgia.
23. How many judges are on the Georgia Supreme Court; for how long do they serve; and how are their jurisdictions defined?
24. What is the difference between a regular jury and a grand jury?
25. How are jurors for regular and grand juries selected?

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

- 26. How many counties are there in Georgia?**
- 27. Describe home rule:**
- 28. What does a County Board of Commissioners do?**
- 29. What are the two forms of municipal government in Georgia?**
- 30. What does the Department of Community Affairs do?**
- 31. What was the fiscal year budget for the state?**
- 32. Where do proceeds from Georgia state lottery go?**
- 33. Describe the difference between a use tax and an excise tax:**
- 34. On what service is the largest portion of the Georgia budget spent?**
- 35. Where can one find out more details about Georgia election laws?**
- 36. What is the difference between the primary and a special election in Georgia?**
- 37. What are the responsibilities of an election board?**
- 38. What are the qualifications necessary for voting in Georgia?**
- 39. Describe Georgia's petition process for those who wish to run for office as independent candidates:**

- 40. What is the purpose of a Presidential Preference Primary?**
- 41. How do Democratic and Republican Party presidential preference ballots differ?**
- 42. Do Georgians elect a governor in the same year as the presidential election? Explain.**
- 43. Describe the process for voting through an absentee ballot:**
- 44. Is there voter registration by party in Georgia?**
- 45. Name one department that offers special services:**
- 46. How many separate colleges make up the University System of Georgia?**
- 47. What does DOT stand for?**
- 48. What does DHR stand for?**
- 49. Is there a League of Women Voters chapter in your county?**
- 50. What is your favorite quote from the LWV booklet?**